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for: METHOD FOR AUTOMATIC  
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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Dear Sir:

In response to an Office Action of December 17, 2003, the Applicants submit the following Preliminary Amendment, Request for Continued Examination and one-month Extension of Time. The Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the existing rejections in view of the Applicants' amendments and remarks below.